

On this the 13th day of October, A. D., 2015, the Commissioners’
Court of Chambers County, with the following members present, to-wit:

Mark Huddleston	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Larry G. George	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Gary Nelson	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
A. R. “Rusty” Senac	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Jimmy Sylvia	County Judge
Heather H. Hawthorne	County Clerk

and the following members absent, to-wit:

met in a REGULAR MEETING at which time the following items were
discussed, considered, passed or adopted, to-wit:

Judge Sylvia, according to law, opened Court at 9:30 a.m. into Open
Session.

Bobby Hall offered prayer and then Judge Sylvia led the audience in
the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and to the Texas flag.

Agenda item 1.1- Citizen’s comment- Tammy Yarter, Chambers
County Information Technology Director, introduced new employee Austin
DuBose.

Judge Sylvia then went to agenda items under Road & Bridge.

Agenda item 3.3- Road & Bridge- Discuss and consider request from Lippke, Cartwright and Roberts for additional funds for their professional engineering and surveying service for design revisions for Kilgore Regional Drainage plan segments 1, 2, 3A, 3B, and 7 alternate 4.-**tabled.**

Public comment made by Paul Lippke giving an update on Kilgore Regional Drainage plan.

Public comment made by Eddie Gray regarding agenda item 3.2, urging the Court to act as fast as possible due to upcoming winter weather & good bids being available to move forward.

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At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 8.1 under Environmental Protection.

15-10-589 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George that the nuisance abatement at 111 Meredino Dr., Oak Island, Texas, is not in compliance and to turn over to the local JP #3, Tracey Woody.

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Passed.

Judge Sylvia then went to agenda item 13.1 under Health & Welfare.

15-10-590 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to have MDP Engineers redraw plans to relocate parking for new Health Services building on Highway 61, and to keep existing central warehouse at the location.

Public comment made by David Day, MDP Engineers, and Darlene McPhearson, MDP Engineers.

Insert.

Passed.

Let the record reflect, Commissioner Senac left court at 9:40 a.m. and returned at 9:43 a.m.

Agenda item 3.2- Discuss and consider update from Property Acquisition Services for right-of-way acquisition for the FM 1409 project-
Executive Session.

Court recessed at 10:00 a.m. out of Open Session and into Executive Session under Section 551.072, Government Code, V.T.C.S regarding purchase of right-of-way for the FM 1409 project. Court reconvened at 10:40 a.m. into Open Session.

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Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia covered agenda item 7.1 under Solid Waste.

15-10-592 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to accept bid from Grande Sales and Service for the purchase of (4) 2016 roll-off trucks, not to exceed \$553,909.00.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia then skipped to Economic Development & Tourism

15-10-593 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to authorize payment of agenda items 4.1-4.4. Parcel 34 in the amount of \$2,181.00 (Emory M. & Rita J. Ellis); Parcel 24 in the amount of \$2,403.29 (James B. Sterling III); Parcel 19 in the amount of \$685.00 (Michael Lee Fregia & Susan Ueckert Fregia); Parcel 19 (temporary access easement) in the amount of \$1,859.00 (Michael Lee Fregia & Susan Ueckert Fregia) for the Lake Anahuac East Levee project.

Public comment made by Patrick Wiltshire.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 16.1- Discuss and consider last and best Chambers County Officers Association/TMPA (Texas Municipal Police Association) negotiated contractual offer made during collective bargaining negotiations-
Executive Session.

Court recessed at 10:45 a.m. out of Open Session and into Executive Session under Section 551.071, Government Code, V.T.C.S to consult with attorney regarding Chambers County Officers Association/TMPA (Texas Municipal Police Association) negotiated contract offer. Court reconvened at 12:25 p.m. into Open Session.

Agenda item 16.1- Law Enforcement- Discuss and consider last and best Chambers County Officers Association/TMPA (Texas Municipal Police Association) negotiated contractual offer made during collective bargaining negotiations-**no action.**

No action.

Agenda item 16-2- Law Enforcement- Discuss and consider setting salaries, benefits and stipends for Chambers County Officers Association employees of the Sheriff's office-**Tabled.**

Tabled.

At this time, Judge Sylvia covered several agenda items under Administration.

15-10-594 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve moving medical and dental insurance to TAC fully insured pool at \$6,298,791.36, from Aetna.

Public comment made by Terry Brown, Chambers County insurance consultant, and Charlotte Collins, TAC.

Insert.

Passed.

15-10-595 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve the revised Chambers County Employee Policy manual, with the two recommended changes.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, court recessed at 1:34 p.m. for a lunch break and reconvened at 2:39 p.m. into Open Session.

Judge Sylvia then went to agenda item 16.3 under Law Enforcement.

15-10-596 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve the amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Houston acting through the Houston Police Department on behalf of the Houston-Metro Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia then covered agenda items under Personnel.

15-10-597 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the following payroll changes and job descriptions: Karli S. Bourque, Clerk (Part Time), District Attorney's Office, unclassified at \$10.00 per hour; Grant Smith, Parks Superintendent, pay group 24-12; Open Position, Part-Time Box Site Attendant, Solid Waste, \$9.52 per hour; Austin DuBose, Information Technology, pay group 23-5; Lori Sims, Emergency Management, pay group 15-14; McCaleh Sanders, Driving Range Attendant (Part Time), Golf Course, unclassified at \$8.62 per hour; Jim Croley, Sheriff's Office, unclassified at \$49,566.06 annual; Donald R. Dickens, Emergency Management, pay group 25-1.

Insert.

Passed.

15-10-598 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve 30 hour vacation carryover request from Teresa Palacios.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 1.12- Discuss and consider status of Pelco litigation and settlement discussions with Pelco defendants-**Executive Session.**

Agenda item 17.1- Discuss and consider payroll changes, 2 positions in JP 2 office- **Executive Session.**

Court recessed at 2:50 p.m. out of Open Session and into Executive Session under Section 551.071, Government Code, V.T.C.S to consult with attorney regarding Pelco litigation, and under Section 551.074, Government Code, V.T.C.S. to discuss JP 2 payroll request. Court reconvened at 3:43 p.m. into Open Session.

Agenda item 1.12- Administration- Discuss and consider status of Pelco litigation and settlement discussions with Pelco defendants-**no action.**

No action.

15-10-599 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the payroll change and job description for Vickie J. Perez, Deputy Clerk I, Justice of the Peace Pct. #2, pay group 13-3.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 17.1- Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to table payroll change for Marci Sutton-**table**d.

Will bring back to court on October 27, 2015.

Tabled.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went over several agenda items under Administration.

Agenda item 1.2- Monthly Reports- Baytown-West Chambers County Economic Development Foundation 3rd quarter report for 2015; Chambers County Transportation 4th quarter report; Senior Citizens Project of Chambers County, Inc, report for September 2015; Chambers County Golf Course report for month of September 2015.

Insert.

15-10-600 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2015, Regular Meeting.

Passed.

15-10-601 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Huddleston to approve extending the contract for up to an additional \$25,000.00 with Baker Donelson Law Firm for 2nd FEMA appeal-Hurricane Ike.

Insert.

Passed.

15-10-602 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to
approve 2016 Chambers County Holidays.

Insert.

Passed.

15-10-603 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to appoint
Gary Nelson, Rusty Senac, Larry George, and Judge Sylvia to the 2016
Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly and Board of Directors.

Insert.

Passed.

15-10-604 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by George to approve
renewal of Data Use Agreement for Remote Birth Access between
Chambers County and Texas Health and Human Services.

Insert.

Passed.

15-10-605 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Senac to adopt the
Resolution supporting the funding of a right-hand turn lane on State
Highway 146 onto Interstate 10.

Judge Sylvia not present for the vote.

Insert.

Passed.

Let the record reflect, Judge Sylvia left court at 3:55 p.m.

Judge Pro Tem, Mark Huddleston, then continued with agenda items under Administration.

15-10-606 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to adopt the Resolution urging support of Proposition 7, a Constitutional Amendment for increased state funding for transportation.

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Passed.

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Passed.

Agenda item 2.4- Treasurer's report- none.

Agenda item 2.5- Auditor's report- none.

15-10-616 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the Engagement Letter from Belt, Harris and Pechacek, LLP for audit services for 2015 and 2016.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Pro Tem, Mark Huddleston, then covered agenda item 6.1 under Maintenance and Buildings.

15-10-617 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve the proposal from Price Consulting, Inc. for the preparation of plans and specifications for the repair of exterior walls, windows and roof of the courthouse at 404 Washington Ave., Anahuac, Texas, not to exceed \$18,000.00.

Insert.

Passed.

15-10-618 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to accept the quote from Quadrant Consultants for an environmental report for the planned communications tower in Mont Belvieu, Texas, not to exceed \$8,800.00.

Insert.

Passed.

The following visitors, department, agency, or business they represent were present in Court today:

Joanna Wilson	County Clerk's Office
Nikki Whittington	County Treasurer
Tony Sims	County Auditor
Bobby Hall	County Engineer
Brian Hawthorne	Chambers County Sheriff
Nathan Brandimarte	Orgain Bell & Tucker
Lauren VanDeventer	County Judge's Office
Aaron Thomas	County Judge's Office
Lyndsey Davis	Auditor's Office
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Haley Avriett	Auditor's Office
Mike Lessley	Chambers Co. Project Manager
George Barrera	Purchasing Agent
Rex Tunze	CC Environmental Health Director
Kim Turner	Emergency Management
Sarah Cerrrone	Graphic Arts
Jimmy Kalah	CC Solid Waste

Tammy Yarter	Technology
Randy VanDeventer	Justice of the Peace Pct. 2
Carlton Carrington	CCOA
Matt Hollis	Baytown Sun
Ignacio Ramirez	City of Baytown
Lisa Ponce	Hometown Press
Paul Lippke	Lippke, Cartwright & Roberts
Eddie V. Gray	Gray Enterprises
Tommie McNeely	Citizen
Darlene McPherson	MDP Engineering Consulting
David Day	MDP Engineering Consulting
Mary Clark	ACC
Leighton Guarnera	TMPA
Mark Davis	PAS
Patrick Wiltshire	Property Management
Arnold Peter	TMPA
Greg Cagle	Citizen

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

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